in the towns, and during recent years they have carried on a very active propaganda in Mohammedan countries, and also in Great Britain and the United States, trying to influence public opinion against the Balfour Declaration.

The Jewish-Arab controversy turns on the right of the Jews to settle in Palestine. The Arabs maintain that, except during the Crusades, Palestine has been theirs since the seventh century, and remained an Arab country even under Turkish rule (1516-1917). They claim that to admit the Jews to Palestine against the will of the Arabs, and to assist them in building up a National Home, is contrary to the principle of national self-determination; the Jews may enter Palestine so long as this is in the interest of the country, and enjoy civic equality and religious freedom, but Palestine is to be an Arab country under Arab rule. They contend that Jewish immigration on a large scale, implying the acquisition of considerable stretches of land, would, in view of the small arable area, lead to the displacement of the Arab fellaheen and therefore should not be tolerated.

The Jews, on the other hand, base their right to enter Palestine and to build there their National Home on their unbroken historical connexion with the country; on their imperative need of Palestine if they are to survive as a nation; on their achievements in Palestine; on the part played by the Jews in world culture; and on

international
rights established under the Mandate.

In the very Preamble to the Palestine Mandate the historical connexion of the Jewish people with Palestine is quoted as one of the grounds for reconstituting there their National Home. In the consciousness of the civilized world, Palestine is connected with the Jews and not with the Arabs. Were it not for the Jews it would count for nothing in history, but through monotheism, the Bible, and Christianity the history of the Jews in Palestine has become one of the bases of civilization, common to mankind. On the contrary, the great cultural achievements of the Arabs are